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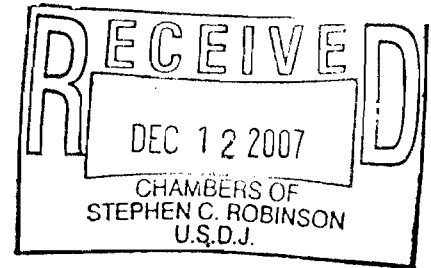
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December 11, 2007

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Hon Stephen C. Robinson
United States District Judge
United States District Court
300 Quarropas Street, Room 633
White Plains, New York 10601



Re: United States v. Peper, et al., 07 Civ. 9835 (SCR)

Dear Judge Robinson:

I am the Assistant United States Attorney with principal responsibility for this tax foreclosure action. I write respectfully to request a one-month extension of the December 14, 2007 deadline for the parties to submit a joint scheduling order. Although all six defendants have been served with the summons and complaint in this action and notified of the requirement to submit a proposed joint scheduling order, no defendant has yet answered the complaint or filed a notice of appearance, and only one defendant, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. ("M&T") has contacted the Government in any fashion concerning the lawsuit. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests an adjournment of the deadline for submission of a joint scheduling order until January 14, 2007, to allow an opportunity for the Government to confer with counsel for all defendants that seek to contest this matter.

This is the Government's first request for an extension in this action. Counsel for defendant M&T consents to this request. The Government has not conferred with counsel for the other defendants, which have neither appeared nor contacted the Government subsequent to service. I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

APPLICATION GRANTED

Stephen C. Robinson

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Respectfully,

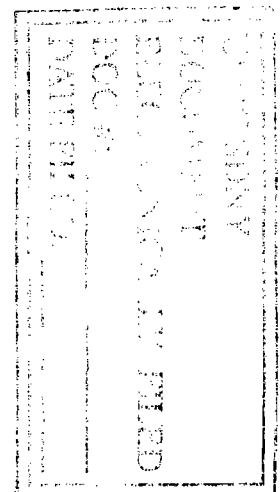
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